

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 10, 2002

H.R. 223

An act to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the act.

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 5, 2002

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 223 would not affect the federal budget. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 223 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit Clear Creek County.

Under the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conveyed several thousand acres of federal lands to that county. The act directed the county to develop a land use plan for the conveyed lands and authorized the county to sell some of those lands, provided that such sales were consistent with the land use plan and occurred within 10 years. H.R. 223 would extend that deadline for an additional 10 years. According to BLM, the county has not completed a land use plan and needs a statutory extension in order to sell the lands in the future. Because the county already owns the lands, CBO estimates that the proposed extension would not affect the federal budget.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.